

The Conscription Law

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED "AN ACT TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENSE."

In view of the exigencies of the country, and the absolute necessity of keeping in the service our gallant army, and of placing in the field a large additional force to meet the advancing columns of the nemy now invading our soil; therefore,

Section I. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the president be, and is hereby authorized to call out and place in the military service of the Confederate States, for three years unless the war shall have sooner ended, all white men who are residents of the Confederate States between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years at the time the call or calls be made, who are not legally exempted from military service. All of the persons aforesaid who are not now in the service of the Confederacy and whose term of service will expire before the end of the war, and shall be continued in the service for three years from the date of their original enlistment, unless the war shall have been sooner ended; provided, however, That all such battalions and regiments, whose terms of original enlistment were for twelve months, shall have the right within forty days, on a day to be fixed by a commander of the brigade to reorganize said companies, battalions and regiments by electing their officers, which they had a right heretofore to elect, who shall be commissioned by the president. Provide, further, That furloughs not exceeding sixty days, with transportation home and back, shall be granted to all those retained in the services by the provision of this act beyond the period of their original enlistment, and who have heretofore not received furloughs under the provisions of an act entitled, "An act providing for the granting of bounty and furloughs to privates and non-commissioned officers in the Provisional Army," approved 11th December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, said furloughs to be granted at such times and such numbers as the Secretary of War may deem most compatible with the public interest and Provided, further, That in lieu of a furlough, the commutation value in money of the transportation herein above granted, shall be paid to each private, musician or non-commissioned officer who may elect to receive it at such time as the furlough would otherwise be granted: Provided, further, That all persons under the age of eighteen years, or over the age of thirty-five years, who are now enrolled in the military service of the Confederate States, in the regiments, battalions and companies hereafter to be organized, shall be required to remain in their respective companies, battalions and regiments for ninety days, unless their places can be supplied by other recruits not now in the service, who are between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five years, and all laws and parts of laws providing for the reenlistment of volunteers and the organization thereof into companies, squadrons, battalions or regiments shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Be it further enacted, That, such companies, squadrons, battalions, regiments organized or in process of organization by authority from the Secretary of War, as may be within thirty days from passage of this act so far completed as to have the whole number of men requisite for organization actually enrolled, not embracing in said organization any person now in service shall

be mustered into the service of the Confederate States as part of the land forces of the same, to be received in that arm of the service into which they are authorized to organize, and shall elect their company, battalion and regimental officers.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That for the enrollment of all persons comprehended within the provisions of this act, who are not already in service in the armies of the Confederate States, it shall be lawful for the President, with the consent of the Governors of the States, to employ State officers, and on failure to obtain such consent, he shall employ Confederate officers, charged with the duty of making such enrollments in accordance with the rules and regulations to be prescribed by law.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That persons enrolled under the provisions of the preceding section shall be assigned by the Secretary of War to the different companies now in service until each company is filled to its maximum number, and the persons so enrolled shall be assigned to companies from the States from which they respectively come.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That all seamen and ordinary seamen in the Confederate States, enrolled under the provisions of this act may on application of the Secretary of the Navy, be transferred from the land forces to the naval service.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That in all cases where a State may not have in the army a number of regiments, battalions, squadrons or companies sufficient to absorb the number of persons subject to military service under this act, belonging to such States then the residue or excess thereof shall be kept as a reserve, under such regulations as may be established by the Secretary of War, and that at stated periods of not greater than three months details, determined by lot, shall be made from said reserve, so that each company, as nearly as practicable, be kept full. Provided, That the persons held in reserve may remain at home until called into service by the President. Provided, also, That during their stay at home they shall not receive pay. Provided, further, that the persons comprehended in this act shall not be subject to the rules and articles of war until mustered into the active service of Confederate States; except that said persons when enrolled and liable to duty, in case they shall wilfully refuse to obey said call, each of them shall be held to be a deserter and punished as such under said articles. Provided, further, That whenever, in the opinion of the President, the exigencies of the public service may require it, he shall be authorized to call into active service the entire reserve, or so much as may be necessary; not previously assigned to different companies in service under provision of section four of this act; said reserve shall be organized under such rules as the Secretary of War may adopt. Provided, The company, battalion and regimental officers shall be elected by the troops composing the same. Provided, The troops raised in any one State shall not be combined in regimental, battalion, squadron or company organizations with troops raised in any other States.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That all soldiers now serving in the army or mustered in the military service of the Confederate States, or enrolled in said service under the authorizations heretofore issued by the Secretary of War, and who are continued in the service by virtue of this act, who have not received the bounty of fifty dollars, allowed by existing laws, shall be entitled to receive said bounty.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That each man who may hereafter be mustered into the service, and who shall

arm himself with a musket, with a musket shot-gun or rifle, accepted as an efficient weapon, shall be paid the value therefor, to be ascertained by the mustering officer, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War, if he is willing to sell the same, and if he is not, then he shall be entitled to receive one dollar a month for the use of said received and approved musket, rifle, shot-gun or carbine.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That all vacancies shall be filled by the president from the company, battalion, squadron or regiment in which said vacancies shall occur, by promotion, according to seniority, except in cases of disability or other incompetency. Provided, however, That the President may, when in his opinion it may be proper, fill such vacancy or vacancies by the promotion of any officer or private or privates, from such company, battalion, squadron or regiment who shall have been distinguished in the service by the exhibition of valor and skill, and that whenever a vacancy shall occur in the lowest grade of the commissioned officer of the company, said vacancy shall be filled by election. Provided, That all appointments made by the President shall be by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That the provisions of the first section of this act relating to the election of officers shall apply to those regiments, battalions or squadrons which are composed of twelve months, and war companies combined in the same organization, without regard to the manner in which the officers thereof were originally appointed.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, That each company of infantry shall consist of one hundred and twenty-five, rank and file, each company of field artillery company of one hundred and fifty rank and file; and each company of cavalry of eighty rank and file.

Sec. 12. Be it further enacted, That all persons subject to enrollment, who are now in the service, under the provisions of this act, shall be permitted, previous to such enrollment, to volunteer in companies now in the service.

CHATTANOOGA, Aug. 2, 1862.
SPECIAL ORDER.
TRAVELERS going North or South will not be permitted to visit the lines of this army except on business. No person will be permitted to come within the lines on visits of pleasure, to either citizens or soldiers. Citizens wishing to trade within the lines heretofore mentioned will call at the Provost Marshal's and obtain the necessary permit. GEO. MANEY, Brig. Gen'l Comm'n'g.
Aug. 5-1w

Where are the Young Tennesseans?

Mr. Editor:—I desire to inquire of you whether you can tell the public where all the young and ardent Tennesseans are who are reported to be on the line of railroad from this place to Atlanta—what are they doing?—are they waiting for other men to fight the battles and open the way to their homes and families, while they are pleasure taking at the different towns and watering-places of the country? If this be true, it is a shame, and their cheeks should be mantled with a deep blush of disgrace to be thus idle when the country needs their services so much. The Governor calls for a Tennessee state force, and each of these young bloods should report themselves for duty, without delay. Keep them stirred up until they act their proper part in this great struggle. S.

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